

FTYCMA Executive Board
May 13, 2011
Valencia College, West Campus

Attendees: Janette Campbell, Byron Dyce, Bill Hemme, Nancy Johnson, Ryan Kasha, Altay Özgener, Rick Pal, Don Ransford

President Rick Pal began the meeting at 10am and the group was welcomed by Russell Takashima, dean of mathematics, West Campus.

A proposal was made and it was agreed to extend the reduced cost for lifetime memberships until the February 2012 Joint Meeting. In order to encourage membership from some of the more distant colleges, Rick intends to visit those colleges in the northern part of the state.

Ryan Kasha reported on a document on reading benchmarks in mathematics at Valencia. This document will be reported in a newsletter and it was suggested that Ryan give a presentation at the Fall Retreat discussing it.

Byron Dyce reported that the treasury has a new balance of \$2975.16. He has investigated the \$7 activity fee bank charge and noted that it was due to our receiving a bad check. We decided not to proceed on establishing charges to recover fees for bad checks unless this becomes a larger problem. Byron also is examining the possibility of reactivating our frozen PayPal account but there appear to be several disadvantages. Some suggestions were made for alternative procedures for transferring money via the internet.

There was some discussion about the difficulty of communication with mathematics faculty across Florida due to the many name changes the schools have undergone.

AMATYC has already begun using Facebook and Twitter and Rick will work with Altay Özgener to try to have our accounts prepared by the fall.

Don Ransford presented a draft of the program for the Fall Retreat. At this time the schedule is set up for 50 minute sessions as well as 75 minute sessions. This will be adjusted as plans progress and requests to lead sessions are offered. Because of the question we had last year for commercial presentations, time is also allowed for this possibility. The STATWAY/QUANTWAY session has been moved to Friday and Quantitative Literacy to Saturday. The registration fee will continue to be the same as it was last year.

A suggestion was made that perhaps one of our annual awards should be presented at the Fall Retreat rather than the February meeting. It was felt that the retreat should continue as a focused topic meeting; also the Friday luncheon business meeting at the Joint Annual Meeting in February is probably more appropriate.

There was a discussion suggesting possible presenters for the Fall Retreat. Jerrett Dumouchel was mentioned as a possibility.

The 2012 Joint Annual meeting will be held February 17-18 at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville and the local events person is Daniela Genova. The 2013 meeting will be held at the University of Tampa and in 2014, Edison State College.

With a new executive board being chosen at the February meeting, Nancy Johnson was suggested as a nominee for secretary and Mike Keller for treasurer. Sandra Seifert was also mentioned as a possible nominee.

The question was raised concerning placement tests being used across the state, in particular PERT.

Julie Phelps, the AMATYC liaison for the STATWAY project under development by the Carnegie Foundation, joined us by phone. She gave us a brief overview of the program and answered questions regarding it. It is being piloted in 5 states, including 3 colleges in Florida (Valencia, Miami-Dade, and Tallahassee). Quantway will begin in different states later.

We adjourned for a tour of the mathematics lab facility at the West Campus and lunch.

Respectively submitted,
Janette Campbell, Secretary